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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Maria Anna Wubben, et al.  
Title: PECTINS AS FOAM STABILIZERS FOR BEVERAGES HAVING A  
FOAM HEAD  
Serial No.: 08/776,321 Art Unit: 1761  
Filing Date: April 15, 1997  
Examiner: Curtis E. Sherrer  
Docket No.: 29865

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
Box RCE  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The three month period for response to the final rejection mailed November 7, 2000 expired February 7, 2001. Accordingly applicant respectfully requests and petitions for a three month extension to time, up to and including May 7, 2001, within which to respond or take other action. The \$890.00 extension of time fee is included in the enclosed check also covering the filing fee for the accompanying Request for Continued Examination.

Please amend the application before its examination as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 50 and 51 to read as follows.

- 1 50. (Amended) A method according to claim 21, wherein said  
2 hop pectin extract has anhydrogalacturonic acid content of 20-80  
3 weight percent.

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